

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S12647–S12742

Measures Introduced: Six bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2846–2851, and S. Res. 372. **Page S12708**

Measures Considered:

Service Members Home Ownership Tax Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 3590, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S12648–99**

Rejected:

Nelson (NE) Amendment No. 2962 (to Amendment No. 2786), to prohibit the use of Federal funds for abortions. (By 54 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 369), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S12648, S12659–64, S12669–83**

Withdrawn:

By 42 yeas to 57 nays (Vote No. 370), McCain motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, the amendment be withdrawn.) **Page S12684**

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 2786, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S12648**

Dorgan Modified Amendment No. 2793 (to Amendment No. 2786), to provide for the importation of prescription drugs. **Pages S12685–88**

Crapo motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions. **Page S12685**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, December 9, 2009, and that following any remarks of the Chair and Ranking Member of the Committee on Finance, or their designees, for up to 10 minutes each, the next two hours be for debate only, with the time equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders or their designees, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each; the Republicans controlling the first 30 minutes, and the Majority controlling the second 30 minutes; with the remaining time equally divided and used in alternating

fashion; provided further, that no amendments are in order during this time. **Page S12742**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Michael Peter Huerta, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general. **Page S12742**

Messages from the House: **Page S12705**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S12742**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—370) **Pages S12683–84**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:38 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 9, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on Page S12742.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Afghanistan, after receiving testimony from Karl W. Eikenberry, United States Ambassador to Afghanistan, Department of State; and General Stanley A. McChrystal, USA, Commander, International Security Assistance Force, Commander, United States Forces Afghanistan, Department of Defense.

ENERGY BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy concluded a hearing to examine H.R. 957, to authorize higher education curriculum development and graduate training in advanced energy and green building technologies, H.R. 2729, to authorize the designation of National Environmental Research Parks by the Secretary of Energy, H.R. 3165, to provide for a program of wind energy research, development, and demonstration, H.R. 3246, to provide for a program of research, development, demonstration and commercial application in vehicle technologies at the Department of Energy, H.R. 3585, to guide and provide for United States research, development, and demonstration of solar energy technologies, S. 737, to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to authorize the Secretary of Energy to conduct research, development, and demonstration to make biofuels more compatible with small nonroad engines, S. 1617, to require the Secretary of Commerce to establish a program for the award of grants to States to establish revolving loan funds for small and medium-sized manufacturers to improve energy efficiency and produce clean energy technology, S. 2744, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to expand the authority for awarding technology prizes by the Secretary of Energy to include a financial award for separation of carbon dioxide from dilute sources, and S. 2773, to require the Secretary of Energy to carry out a program to support the research, demonstration, and development of commercial applications for offshore wind energy, after receiving testimony from Kristina M. Johnson, Under Secretary of Energy.

FEDERAL DRINKING WATER PROGRAMS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine Federal drinking water programs, after receiving testimony from Peter S. Silva, Assistant Administrator for Water, and Cynthia J. Giles, Assistant Administrator for Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, both of the Environmental Protection Agency; Matthew C. Larsen, Associate Director for Water, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; Jerome A. Paulson, American Academy of Pediatrics, Washington, D.C.; Michael G. Baker, Association of State Drinking Water Administrators, Arlington, Virginia; Gene Whatley, Oklahoma Rural Water Association, Inc., Oklahoma City; and Jeffrey K. Grif-

fiths, Tufts University School of Medicine, Boston, Massachusetts.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Rajiv J. Shah, of Washington, to be Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, and Mary Burce Warlick, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Serbia, James B. Warlick, Jr., of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria, Eleni Tsakopoulos Kounalakis, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Hungary, Leslie V. Rowe, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mozambique, Alberto M. Fernandez, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, Mary Jo Wills, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mauritius, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Seychelles, Jide J. Zeitlin, of New York, to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, and to be Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for U.N. Management and Reform, with the rank of Ambassador, Anne Slaughter Andrew, of Indiana, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Costa Rica, David Daniel Nelson, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the Oriental Republic of Uruguay, Betty E. King, of New York, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Office of the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva, with the rank of Ambassador, Laura E. Kennedy, of New York, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as U.S. Representative to the Conference on Disarmament, Eileen Chamberlain Donahoe, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as the United States Representative to the UN Human Rights Council, all of the Department of State, and routine lists in the Foreign Service.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 30 public bills, H.R. 4217–4246; and 9 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 218–219; and H. Res. 950–954, 957–958 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1319, to prevent the inadvertent disclosure of information on a computer through the use of certain “peer-to-peer” file sharing software without first providing notice and obtaining consent from the owner or authorized user of the computer, with amendments (H. Rept. 111–361);

H.R. 2221, to protect consumers by requiring reasonable security policies and procedures to protect computerized data containing personal information, and to provide for nationwide notice in the event of a security breach, with amendments (H. Rept. 111–362);

H.R. 512, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to prohibit certain State election administration officials from actively participating in electoral campaigns, with an amendment (H. Rept. 111–363);

H. Res. 955, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4213) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions (H. Rept. 111–364); and

H. Res. 956, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4173) to provide for financial regulatory reform, to protect consumers and investors, to enhance Federal understanding of insurance issues, and to regulate the over-the-counter derivatives markets (H. Rept. 111–365); and

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Conference Report on H.R. 3288, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 111–366).

See Book II

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Speier to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 9:17 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend Richard Hynes, Office of Evangelism, Archdiocese of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois.

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Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010—Motion to go to Conference: The House agreed to the Olver motion to disagree to the Senate amendment and agree to a conference on H.R. 3288, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010.

Pages H13556–57, H13570

Agreed to the Latham motion to instruct conferees on the bill by a yea-and-nay vote of 212 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 931.

Pages H13556–57, H13570

The Chair appointed the following conferees: Representatives Olver, Pastor (AZ), Kaptur, Price (NC), Roybal-Allard, Berry, Kilpatrick (MI), Lowey, Obey, Latham, Wolf, Tiahrt, Wamp, and Lewis (CA).

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Directing the President to transmit to Congress a report on anti-American incitement to violence in the Middle East: H.R. 2278, amended, to direct the President to transmit to Congress a report on anti-American incitement to violence in the Middle East, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 395 yeas to 3 nays with 9 voting “present”, Roll No. 936;

Pages H13558–60, H13598–99

Western Hemisphere Drug Policy Commission Act of 2009: H.R. 2134, amended, to establish the Western Hemisphere Drug Policy Commission;

Pages H13560–63

Encouraging the Republic of Hungary to respect the rule of law, treat foreign investors fairly, and promote a free and independent press: H. Res. 915, to encourage the Republic of Hungary to respect the rule of law, treat foreign investors fairly, and promote a free and independent press, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 333 yeas to 74 nays with 3 voting “present”, Roll No. 937;

Pages H13563–67, H13599

Expressing the sense of Congress for and solidarity with the people of El Salvador as they persevere through the aftermath of torrential rains which caused devastating flooding and deadly mudslides: H. Con. Res. 213, amended, to express the sense of Congress for and solidarity with the people of El Salvador as they persevere through the aftermath of torrential rains which caused devastating flooding and deadly mudslides;

Pages H13567–68

Expressing sympathy for the 57 civilians who were killed in the southern Philippines on November 23, 2009: H. Con. Res. 218, to express sympathy for the 57 civilians who were killed in the southern Philippines on November 23, 2009;

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FBI Families of Fallen Heroes Act: H.R. 2711, amended, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for the transportation of the dependents, remains, and effects of certain Federal employees who die while performing official duties or as a result of the performance of official duties;

Pages H13576–78

Recognizing the Grand Concourse on its 100th anniversary as the preeminent thoroughfare in the borough of the Bronx and an important nexus of commerce and culture for the City of New York: H. Res. 907, to recognize the Grand Concourse on its 100th anniversary as the preeminent thoroughfare in the borough of the Bronx and an important nexus of commerce and culture for the City of New York, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 405 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 938;

Pages H13578–79, H13599–H13600

Extending through December 31, 2010, the authority of the Secretary of the Army to accept and expend funds contributed by non-Federal public entities to expedite the processing of permits: H.R. 4165, to extend through December 31, 2010, the authority of the Secretary of the Army to accept and expend funds contributed by non-Federal public entities to expedite the processing of permits;

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Amending the Water Resources Development Act of 1992 to modify an environmental infrastructure project for Big Bear Lake, California: H.R. 1854, to amend the Water Resources Development Act of 1992 to modify an environmental infrastructure project for Big Bear Lake, California;

Pages H13581–82

Authorizing the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution to plan, design, and construct a vehicle maintenance building at the vehicle maintenance branch of the Smithsonian Institution located in Suitland, Maryland: H.R. 3224, to authorize the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution to plan, design, and construct a vehicle maintenance building at the vehicle maintenance branch of the Smithsonian Institution located in Suitland, Maryland;

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Data Accountability and Trust Act: H.R. 2221, amended, to protect consumers by requiring reasonable security policies and procedures to protect computerized data containing personal information, and to provide for nationwide notice in the event of a security breach;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To protect consumers by requiring reasonable security policies and procedures to protect data containing personal information, and to provide for nationwide notice in the event of a security breach.”.

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Informed P2P User Act: H.R. 1319, amended, to prevent the inadvertent disclosure of information on a computer through the use of certain “peer-to-peer” file sharing software without first providing notice and obtaining consent from the owner or authorized user of the computer;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To prevent the inadvertent disclosure of information on a computer through the use of certain “peer-to-peer” file sharing programs without first providing notice and obtaining consent from an owner or authorized user of the computer.”.

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Fiscal Year 2010 Federal Aviation Administration Extension Act, Part II: H.R. 4217, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund and to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program; and

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No Social Security Benefits for Prisoners Act of 2009: H.R. 4218, to amend titles II and XVI of the Social Security Act to prohibit retroactive payments to individuals during periods for which such individuals are prisoners, fugitive felons, or probation or parole violators.

Pages H13596–97

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agree to the following measures which were debated on Monday, December 7th:

Recognizing the 10th Anniversary of the activation of Echo Company of the 100th Battalion of the 442d Infantry, and the sacrifice of the soldiers and families in support of the United States: H. Con. Res. 199, amended, to recognize the 10th Anniversary of the activation of Echo Company of the 100th Battalion of the 442d Infantry, and the sacrifice of the soldiers and families in support of the United States, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 400 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 932;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Recognizing the 10th Anniversary of the redesignation of Company E, 100th Battalion, 442d Infantry Regiment of the United States Army and the sacrifice of the soldiers of Company E and their families in support of the United States.”.

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Commending the soldiers and civilian personnel stationed at Fort Gordon and their families for their service and dedication to the United States:

H. Con. Res. 206, amended, to commend the soldiers and civilian personnel stationed at Fort Gordon and their families for their service and dedication to the United States and to recognize the contributions of Fort Gordon to Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom and its role as a pivotal communications training installation, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 404 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 933; **Pages H13571–72**

Recognizing and honoring the National Guard on the occasion of its 373rd anniversary: H. Res. 940, to recognize and honor the National Guard on the occasion of its 373rd anniversary, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 401 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 934; and **Pages H13572–73**

Recognizing the United States Air Force and Dyess Air Force Base for their success in achieving energy savings and developing energy-saving innovations during Energy Awareness Month: H. Res. 845, amended, to recognize the United States Air Force and Dyess Air Force Base for their success in achieving energy savings and developing energy-saving innovations during Energy Awareness Month, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 409 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 935. **Pages H13597–98**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Roy Rondeno, Sr. Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 3951, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2000 Louisiana Avenue in New Orleans, Louisiana, as the “Roy Rondeno, Sr. Post Office Building”; **Pages H13573–74**

Ann Marie Blute Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 4017, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 43 Maple Avenue in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, as the “Ann Marie Blute Post Office”; **Pages H13574–76**

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Congress should provide increased Federal funding for continued type 1 diabetes research: H. Res. 35, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that Congress should provide increased Federal funding for continued type 1 diabetes research; and **Pages H13582–84**

Expressing support for the designation of a National Prader-Willi Syndrome Awareness Month to raise awareness of and promote research into this challenging disorder: H. Res. 55, to express support for the designation of a National Prader-Willi Syndrome Awareness Month to raise awareness of and promote research into this challenging disorder. **Pages H13584–86**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Eight yeas-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H13570, H13571, H13571–72, H13572–73, H13597–98, H13598, H13599 and H13599–H13600. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 11:24 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AFGHANISTAN STRATEGIC REVIEW

Committee on Armed Services: Continued hearings on Afghanistan: The Results of the Strategic Review, Part II. Testimony was heard from GEN Stanley McChrystal, USA, Commander, International Security Assistance Force (ISAF), and Commander, U.S. Forces Afghanistan (USFOR—A), Department of Defense; and Ambassador Karl W. Eikenberry, U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan, Department of State.

U.S. EDUCATION STANDARDS

Committee on Education and Labor: Held a hearing on Improving Our Competitiveness: Common Core Education Standards. Testimony was heard from Bill Ritter, Jr., Governor, State of Colorado; and public witnesses.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICE INFLATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Prescription Drug Price Inflation: Are Prices Rising Too Fast?” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PRIVATE/GOVERNMENT FORECLOSURE CRISIS RESPONSE

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled “The Private Sector and Government Response to the Mortgage Foreclosure Crisis.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Herbert M. Allison, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Financial Stability; and Douglas W. Roeder, Senior Deputy Comptroller Large Bank Supervision, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency; Michael H. Krimminger, Special Advisor, Policy, Office of the Chairman, FDIC; and public witnesses.

JUDGE PORTEOUS IMPEACHMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Task Force on Judicial Impeachment continued possible Impeachment of United States District Judge G. Thomas Porteous, Jr., Part II. Testimony was heard from DeWayne Horner, Special Agent, FBI, New Orleans, Louisiana, Department of Justice; Alan Baron, Special Impeachment Counsel, Committee on the Judiciary; and public witnesses.

Will continue December 10.

DEATH PENALTY APPEALS—HABEAS CORPUS LIMITATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties held a hearing on the Impact of Federal Habeas Corpus Limitations on Death Penalty Appeals. Testimony was heard from Michael E. O'Hare, Supervisory Assistant State's Attorney, Civil Litigation Bureau, Office of the Chief State's Attorney, State of Connecticut; Gerald Kogan, Chief Justice (ret.), Supreme Court, State of Florida; and public witnesses.

TAX EXTENDERS ACT OF 2009

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a non-record vote, a closed rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate on H.R. 4213, the Tax Extenders Act of 2009, equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the bill. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard by Representatives Neal, Brady (TX), and Cao.

THE WALL STREET REFORM AND CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT OF 2009

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a non-record vote, a rule. The rule provides three hours of general debate on H.R. 4173, the Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2009, with two hours to be equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services, 30 minutes to be equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Agriculture, and 30 minutes to be equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI.

The rule provides that the amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. The rule provides that the Committee of the Whole shall rise without motion after general debate and that no further consideration of the bill shall occur except pursuant to a subsequent order of the House. The rule also provides that the Chair of the Committee of the Whole may entertain a motion that the Committee rise only if offered by the chair of the Committee on Financial Services or his designee. Testimony was heard by

Chairman Frank (MA), and Representatives Rush, and Bachus.

PUBLIC TRANSIT SAFETY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a hearing on Public Transit Safety: Examining the Federal Role. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Ray LaHood, Secretary; and Peter Rogoff, Administrator, Federal Transit Administration; Katherine A. Siggerud, Managing Director, Physical Infrastructure, GAO; Robert J. Chipkevich, Director, Office of Railroad, Pipeline, and Hazardous Materials Investigations, National Transportation Safety Board; Richard W. Clark, Director, Consumer Protection and Safety Division, Public Utilities Commission, State of California; and a public witness.

BRIEFING—NSA UPDATE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on NSA Update. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

DEPARTMENTS OF TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 3288, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Policy, to hold hearings to examine creating jobs in the recession, 2 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine research parks and job creation, focusing on innovation through cooperation, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on International Trade, Customs, and Global Competitiveness, to hold hearings to examine exports' place on the path of economic recovery, 2:30 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the new Afghanistan strategy, focusing on the view from the ground, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to receive a briefing on Afghanistan, focusing on a report from the field, 1 p.m., SVC-217.

Subcommittee on European Affairs, to hold hearings to examine strengthening the transatlantic economy, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine five years after the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act, focusing on stopping terrorist travel, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the diplomat's shield, focusing on diplomatic security today, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings to examine S. 1690, to amend the Act of March 1, 1933, to transfer certain authority and resources to the Utah Diné Corporation; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine Department of the Interior backlogs, 9:15 a.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine mortgage fraud, securities fraud, and the financial meltdown, focusing on prosecuting those responsible, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Robert A. Petzel, of Minnesota, to be Under Secretary for Health, and Raul Perea-Henze, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Policy and Planning, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs, 9:30 a.m., SR-418.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Energy, and Research, hearing to review the regulatory and legislative strategies in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on The Social Safety Net: Impact of the Recession and of the Recovery Act, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, to mark up H.R. 390, College Football Playoff Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "Additional Reforms to the Securities Investor Protection Act," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, hearing on A Stra-

tegic and Economic Review of Aerospace Exports, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing on New Direction or Old Path? Caribbean Basin Security Initiative (CBSI), 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, to consider the following: H. Res. 922, Directing the Secretary of Homeland Security to transmit to the House of Representatives all information in the possession of the Department of Homeland Security relating to the Department's planning, information sharing, and coordination with any state of locality receiving detainees held at Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba on or after January 20, 2009; Committee Resolution 3. Authorizing the issuance of a subpoena ad testificandum, for Mr. Tareq Salahi; and Committee Resolution 4, authorizing the issuance of a subpoena ad testificandum for Mrs. Michael Salahi, 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, markup the following legislation: H. Res. 920, Directing the Attorney General to transmit to the House of Representatives all information in the Attorney General's possession regarding certain matters pertaining to detainees held at Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba who are transferred into the United States; H.R. 3190, Discount Pricing Consumer Protection Act of 2009; and H.R. 569, Equal Justice for Our Military Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization and Procurement, hearing entitled "Protecting Intellectual Property Rights in a Global Economy: Current Trends and Future Challenges," 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs, hearing entitled "U.S. Aid to Pakistan: Planning and Accountability," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to continue consideration of H.R. 4173, Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2009. 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on Maritime Domain Awareness, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on the One Year Anniversary of the Tennessee Valley Authority's Kingston Ash Slide: Evaluating Current Cleanup Progress and Assessing Future Environmental Goals, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on Afghanistan/Pakistan Update, 11 a.m., 304-HVC.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, December 9

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 3590, Service Members Home Ownership Tax Act, with roll call votes possible throughout the day.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, December 9

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H.R. 4213—Tax Extenders Act of 2009 (Subject to a Rule). Begin Consideration of H.R. 4173—Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (Subject to a Rule).

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